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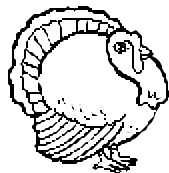
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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for frozen hens 8-16 lb. was steady to instances firm with lighter weights showing the most strength, toms 16-24 lb. mixed and in a full range. Demand light, instances moderate for small packages and fill in basis. Distributive interest reported as improved. Offerings mixed and mostly adequate for current requirements. Bulk parts and meat trading slow to moderate. Demand uneven and generally slow to materialize.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light with most interest coming from Mexico. Trading light. Buyers remain cautious and selective.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 05, 2002**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	64-65	64.67	60	71.00	40	NOV	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	59	59.00	20	71.00	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-60	56	56.00	10	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEPT 06, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	67.38**	66.00	67.40
CENTRAL REGION	65.20	65.39	66.36
WESTERN REGION	67.00**	66.60**	67.38**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.00**	58.00	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	59.00	57.33	62.14
WESTERN REGION	56.00	58.70**	63.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	64
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	66-71

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 09-SEP-2002

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS TOMS	LBS	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	72.50	64	66.20	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	72.50	64	66.20	25
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY 475,262*
AUGUST 1-31, 2002 458,126*

To date 2002 3,440,647*
To date 2001 3,428,107*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	802	2	21.12	(A)	803 21.12
SATL	848	-8	25.53	(A)	849 25.53
N CENT	2,254	-7	29.83	(A)	2,255 29.83
S CENT	503	-6	21.17	(A)	504 21.17
WEST	518	6	22.66	(A)	518 22.66
U.S. TOTAL	4,925(B)	-4	26.04	4	4,929 26.04
TO-DATE					
2002	161,045(B)			271	161,316
TO-DATE					
2001	166,534(B)			410	166,944

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 70,000; for the year 1,749,000; last year to date 1,461,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 31-Aug-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,107	2,748	70	4	4,929
AVG WT	15.16	34.41	24.38	30.01	26.04
LAST WEEK	2,174	2,919	64	13	5,170
SAME WK YR AGO	2,033	2,925	42	3	5,003
AVG WT	15.47	32.68	23.95	28.21	25.61
TO-DATE/2002	64,403	94,893	1,749	271	161,316
TO-DATE/2001	70,147	94,926	1,461	410	166,944

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2002.

Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand fair to instances good. Some processors still indicated an active further processed demand while others started to note less aggressive buyer interest. Offerings ranged light to adequate. The tom bulk parts undertone was mostly steady. Demand ranged light to fair. Offerings of tom drums from heavier sized turkeys were sometimes held with more confidence than product from lighter weights. Tom wing offerings ranged adequate to instances fully adequate, tom necks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat for export ranged from steady to instances firm with select sellers noticing improved interest from Mexico and some interest from Russia. The undertone on frozen mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady for the light to fair demand. Trading centered on a moderate volume of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light to fair. Hen 2-joint wings traded at 56 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	95.00-98.00		97.14	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	88.00-91.00		90.64	91
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	21.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	16.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.00		23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.67	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	15.00		15.00	12
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	143.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	182.00		182.00	40
THIGH MEAT		T	48.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	52.00		52.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		T	77.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	110.00		110.00	400
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	138.00		138.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	48.00		48.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		16.67	120
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-22.00		20.67	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	104
TAILS		T	14.25	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	49.50-58.00		52.69	320

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Domestic activity was mostly light. A moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat moved at steady to slightly higher prices and supplies were adequate for the current demand. Tom drums moved into a closer balance and traded at steady to higher trending prices. Grade A non-basted 10-16 lb. breasts moved at 102 and plant grade non-basted 10-16 lb breasts at 92 cents. Export activity was fair at best. Fresh thigh meat traded at 55 cents to the border and frozen hen drums at 18 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	97.14	560	97.14	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.64	91	90.64	91
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	20.00-22.00		20.71	140	20.78	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	20.00		20.00	43	20.85	193
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	20.00		20.00	140	20.00	140
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00-22.00		21.67	120	22.14	280
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	5	29.72	125
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.26	149	14.45	201
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	135.00-138.00		135.60	50	135.60	50
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	180.00-184.00		182.23	406	181.87	534
THIGH MEAT		T	48.00	40	48.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	54.00-56.00		55.07	122	54.31	162
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT		T	77.00	40	77.00	40
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	116.00-118.00		117.33	120	111.69	520
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00		140.00	40	139.33	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	48.00	40	48.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	19.00	80	18.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-18.00		17.64	45	17.24	689
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	52	19.34	432
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	104	17.86	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	104	26.00	104
TAILS		T	14.25	156	14.25	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	104	17.29	202
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.00		50.50	320	51.01	798

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